

St. Paul's Newsletter

Mass Intention

Vigil Mass	4th	6.30pm	Vincent Haddock
Sunday Mass	5th	10:00am	Parishioners
Monday	6th	9.30am	Word & Communion
Tuesday	7th	9.30am	Word & Communion
Wednesday	8th	9.30am	Parishioners
Thursday	9th	7.30pm	Word & Communion
Friday	10th	9.30am	Word & Communion
Vigil Mass	11th	6.30pm	Parishioners
Sunday Mass	12th	10:00am	Martin Dwyer

Preparation Responsibilities & Mass Ministers 11th & 12th Mar 2017

Church cleaning	A. Baylon & M. Coughlan		
Flowers	No Flowers During Lent		
Piety 6.30 pm	B. Stephen		
10.00 am	A. Haughian		
Counting	M. Parker		
Eucharistic Ministers	Sat 11th	6.30pm	Emelia Cole & Brendan Hickey
	Sun 12th	10:00am	Anne Leneghan, Hilary Jarvis & R. Cantillon
Readers	Sat 11th	6.30pm	Jean Hughes
	Sun 12th	10:00am	Frank Leneghan
Altar Servers	Sat 11th	6.30pm	Rota Emailed to parents on 02.03.17
	Sun 12th	10:00am	Please check your emails.
Sacristan	Sat 11th	6.30pm	Janet Oldham
	Sun 12th	10:00am	TBC – (cover needed please)
Little Church	Sun 5th	10:00am	Toby Kalnins & Liz Frazer
Musicians	Sun 5th	10:00am	Catherine, Ged, Alan
Welcomers	Sat 11th	6.30pm	Fiona Carpenter & Janet Oldham
	Sun 12th	10:00am	Ronnie Ryder & Cath Hooper
PowerPoint	Sat 11th	6.30pm	Martin Wilson
	Sun 12th	10:00am	Jon Iandolo

To add something to the **newsletter**, kindly contact the Presbytery via tel. **872606** or email stpaulspoynton@gmail.com with the details. The deadline for items for inclusion is Thursdays at 10am. Thank you for your support!

Our Parish website: www.stpaulspoynton.org.uk
 Our School website: www.stpauls.cheshire.sch.uk
 Our Pre-school website: www.stpauls-pre-school.co.uk

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Weekly Service Times:

Mon	9.30am	Word & Communion
Tues	9.30am	Word & Communion
Weds	9.30am	Mass
Thurs	7.30pm	Word & Communion
Fri	9.30am	Word & Communion
Sat	6.30pm	Vigil Mass
Sun	10:00am	Sunday Mass



1st Sunday of Lent 4th & 5th March 2017

A testing time

We begin our readings for Lent this year in a garden. The first reading comprises three snippets from the Book of Genesis to give us a picture of man and woman preferring their way of life to God's way. It shows that from the beginning, we have difficulty accepting who we are and being completely open to one another in truth.

So Lent begins in a garden, and we know at the end of Lent we will be in another garden, where Jesus prays that He can be faithful to His Father, no matter what, and then in a third Garden, Jesus conquers death. In Jesus there is a new creation. That is why St. Paul called Jesus the second Adam. So our journey during Lent invites us to recognise in ourselves that same tension – the difficulty of being open to what God wants; but that in Jesus we have a new life – sin has been conquered – sin is forgiven. Our Lenten journey has this twin focus, being aware of our weakness, our sin, our failings, but even more aware of what God wants to do for us in the days and weeks ahead.

Thought for the week
To live long is to live slowly.

We warmly welcome Fr Jim McGrath who will kindly be celebrating our masses with us this weekend.

Thank you for your very generous offerings last Sunday, which totalled £529.60.

LENT: The six weeks of Lent are preparing us to be ready for the joy and power of our Easter celebration, bringing us alive with the Life that Jesus won for us by his death and Resurrection.

Morning Prayers of the church: Mon, Weds and Fri mornings at 9.20am during lent.

Little Church will be creating a Lenten Tree which you will see at the front of church. In our sessions we will be sharing the Gospel with the children and each week we will discuss and reflect upon a focus word. Every Sunday in Lent each child will bring back into Church a leaf for our Lenten Tree depicting a scene from the Gospel and representing the next step on our Lenten journey on our way to sharing the Easter joy of the risen Christ.

CAFOD: Friday 10th March is Lent Fast Day when we come together to make sacrifices – such as eating a simple lunch or supper – so that our poorest sisters and brothers can live lives free of poverty. **CAFOD** collection envelopes will be handed out at this weekend's masses and collected at next weekend's masses on 11th & 12th March.

XCell Youth Group: everyone at secondary school, ages 11+ welcome: St. Patrick's Games Night **Fri 17th Mar, 7-9pm**, St. Alban's Parish Centre, opposite church. Bring friends, meet friends & make new friends. Bring £1 entry & some money for tuck. We'll ask you to complete a Consent Form the first time you come, if you email us we can send it to you - xcellyouthgroup@gmail.com / Contact Anna / Greg Hughes 01625 614406.

OSCAR ROMERO – MODERN MARTYR: Fri 24th Mar 2017 at 7pm All Saints Church, Carrington Lane, Ashton-on-Mersey, M33 5WL. We have been fortunate to secure RISE professional theatre company to perform their new play about Oscar Romero for us. We are asking for donations of at least £5 on the door. The play is about a man who chose to challenge those in power and stand up for social justice. Please contact Bridget Fenwick if you have any questions or would like to know more, Tel: 01244 677594 / Mob: 07920 232936.

Healing Mass: Sat 25th Mar, 3pm at St. Werburgh's, Grosvenor Park Rd, Chester, CH1 1QJ. For families affected by mental illness & those that work with them. Anointing of the sick, socialising and chance to meet members of Diocesan Mental Health Action Group afterwards.

Day of Reflection on Pope Francis' Exhortation 'The Joy of Love': 10.30am - 3pm, Weds 26th April at LACE, Croxteth Drive, Sefton Park, Liverpool, L17 1AA and led by Father Chris Thomas, the well-known Charismatic. Cost £20 including lunch.

CTIP (Churches Together in Poynton) upcoming dates for your diaries: Palm Sunday 9th Apr, 12.30 - 12.45 – Joint Service at St. Georges: Dedicating Poynton Cross in the name of Jesus Christ, to the glory of God. **Join us for some hymns and a blessing from Bishop Libby – everyone welcome to attend!**

- **Easter Sunday 16th Apr at 6.30pm**, St. Georges '**Creative Sunday**', you are invited to bring along something you've enjoyed from this year of worship: e.g. a hymn, a prayer etc.

Oberammergau Passion Play 2020: This world-famous play is traditionally held every 10 years, and is due to be performed again throughout the summer of 2020. If you are interested in joining a group from Poynton for an Oberammergau based break in 2020 please register your interest with **Dave McClelland, Tel: 01625 877797 or email dave.mcclelland@ntlworld.com**. Please see the poster on the noticeboard for more details.

Missio Magazines are available free of charge – please feel free to take one home with you from the church porch.

The Diocese of Shrewsbury: is looking to recruit: **Assistant Director of Schools** and also a **Surveyor**. Details including job descriptions and application forms can be found on the Diocesan website at <http://www.dioceseofshrewsbury.org/about-us/curia/vacancies>.

We are also looking to recruit a **Headteacher** at St Vincent's Catholic Primary School, Knutsford. Further details for these three vacancies are available on the church noticeboard and the education section of the Diocesan website.

Active Kids 2017 – Sainsbury's are issuing vouchers which schools can exchange for sports and cooking equipment. We will place an envelope at the back of church on the left noticeboard for any vouchers you collect and will pass these on to our school for their use.

Please remember in your prayers those who are sick: Fr. Peter, Fr. Harry, Gabriel Drew, Daniel Burke, Sandra Bradley, Chris Nuri, Nicholas Kirk, John Williams, Sheelah O'Hanlon, Mary Tooby, Chris Browne, Roger Hannam, Madeleine Williams, Max Emerson, Monica McDonnell, John Biggar, Elliott Richardson, Joyce Keating, Peggy Burke, Bea Heyes, John White, Margaret Wilson, Maura Agnew, Sue Savage, Elizabeth McNiff, Catherine Vermuden, Carol Jamieson, Joseph Martin, Doris Lear, Bobbie Drakeford, Felix Kampelmann, Paul Bianchi and John Traynor.

We remember in our prayers those with anniversaries round about now: Stephen Shultz, Gilbert Howard, John Stanton, Ronald Townsend, Catherine Ritchie, George Boden and Margaret Smith.

Sunday Mass in our Missals

Entrance Antiphon	446
Readings / Gospel	446
Lenten Preface	50
Eucharistic Prayer	20
Communion Antiphon	455

Gospel Acclamation:

Man does not live on bread alone
But on every word that comes from
the mouth of God

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THIS FAST, I WANTED TO FAST BY GIVING UP SOMETHING THAT I TRULY LOVE, AND I AM A HUGE FAN OF FASTING